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From Pain to Purpose

Managing grief through artistic expression

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

For Pamela White, grief is more than sorrow – it's a call to service, a mission to walk alongside others in their pain, and a way to transform deep loss into powerful connection. The founder of Empowering Kingdom Growth, Pamela is launching a new project close to her heart: Giggles and Grace, a free, three-day therapeutic art camp designed for children ages 7 to 12 who are dealing with grief.

Taking place July 24–26, 2025, at the Hammond Regional Arts Center, Giggles and Grace will offer children a supportive and expressive atmosphere to process their emotions through art, music, skits, and more. Lunch is provided daily, and registration is limited to just 20 children to ensure each camper receives personal attention and care.

"This is a place for them to express themselves in their own way, at their own pace," says Pamela. "Grief doesn't look the same for every child, and sometimes words aren't enough. Through painting, creating, singing – whatever feels natural – they can begin to find healing in a way that feels safe."

Pamela's own journey with grief is one no parent imagines. In December 2019, her son was shot and later died in early January 2020. The pain of losing him awakened a divine calling within her – one she initially resisted.

But soon after his funeral, Pamela felt compelled to gather mothers who had also lost children. That gathering in her living room became the seed of Grieving with Grace, a faith-based ministry offering support, empowerment, and community to those navigating loss.

"God told me I would help people grieve," Pamela recalls. "I told Him no. I said, 'Who's going to help me?' But He gave me the strength – and a purpose."

Since then, her mission has only grown. The Grieving with Grace conference has been held annually for five years, completely free, thanks to the help of community sponsors.

And now, Pamela is turning her focus to children. Giggles and Grace is the first event of its kind under her ministry's umbrella. With a master's degree in health and wellness from Tulane,

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Stop, Drop, and Roll Over

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

If your dog is more likely to bark at a squirrel than an approaching flame and your cat thinks every closed door is a personal insult, it's time to gather the fur family and talk fire safety. National Pet Fire Safety Day, observed every July 15, is the perfect reminder that while we're busy babyproofing and storm-proofing, we should also be pet-proofing our homes against fire hazards.

We all know pets are family. They snore beside us, shed on us, and occasionally knock our sandwiches off the table – but they rely on us completely when danger strikes.

And as sweet and lovable as they are, pets can also be a little... well, accident-prone. In fact, according to the National Fire Protection Association, pets are responsible for starting approximately 1,000 house fires in the U.S. each year.

That's a lot of tail-wagging chaos with a spark. So what can you do to keep your babies safe?

First, prevent them from causing fires in the first place. Don't leave pets unattended around open flames or stove knobs (yes, cats can turn them on!).

Consider using knob covers or removing stove knobs entirely when not in use. Keep candles, matches, and space heaters out of reach – if it's flammable and within paw or tail range, it's fair game in the animal kingdom.

Second, have an escape plan that includes your pets. Practice fire drills with the whole family and assign someone to be on pet duty. Keep leashes and carriers near exits for quick access, and place a pet fire safety decal on your front window so first responders know to look for your furry companions.

Also, make sure your smoke detectors are working and keep your pet's microchip info up to date in case you're separated. You might even want to leave an extra key with a neighbor in case you're not home when disaster strikes and someone needs to rescue Fluffy in your absence.

It's not just about reacting to a fire – it's about preventing one altogether. Use flameless candles instead of the real thing.

Unplug pet water fountains and heated beds when not in use. And if your pet is a chewer, keep electrical cords tucked away or safely covered.

Fire safety isn't the most glamorous topic, but neither is explaining to a fire marshal how your Labrador set the kitchen ablaze while counter-surfing for pizza. A few precautions now can

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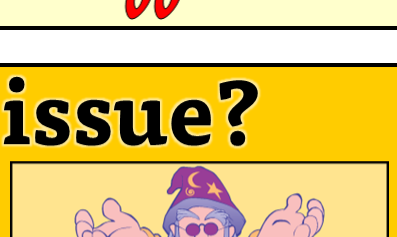

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PET SAFETY

(FROM PAGE 1)

save lives – both human and animal – and keep tails wagging and whiskers twitching long after the smoke clears.

National Pet Fire Safety Day may have been July 15, but its lessons are important 365 days a year.

Take five minutes to look around your house with your pet's mischief level in mind. They may not know how to dial 911, but they're counting on you to keep them safe. Plus, any excuse to buy a cute fire safety sticker with a paw print on it is a win in our book.

After overthinking it for about six hours, I have decided that it's not actually that big of a deal anyway.

Just Saying

MEME MOJO

My friend said he's in the doghouse and asked me if he could crash on my couch tonight. I explained that I'm married, too, and that's where I sleep.

PALINDROME du jour

Sit on a potato pan, Otis!

A palindrome is a word, phrase, or sentence that reads the same backward as it does forward. If you have a favorite palindrome, send it to publisher@tangitimes.com.

Back in My Day

By Burl "Two-Toes" Jenkins

Back in my day, we didn't settle neighborly disputes with polite phone calls or lawyers — we settled 'em with tomatoes. It was the summer of '58, hotter than the devil's armpit and twice as sticky, when my cousin Skeeter decided Old Man Rutledge's prize beefsteaks looked better on our porch than his.

Now, Skeeter weren't much for stealth. He waltzed right through Rutledge's garden at high noon, tote sack swinging, whistling Turkey in the Straw.

Naturally, Rutledge caught him red-handed — or red-tomatoed, as it were — and next thing you know, every boy on our side of the holler was armed with split tomatoes, half-rotten cucumbers, and Granny Mae's suspiciously mushy squash.

For three days straight, we pelted each other silly. Folks called it the Great Tomato War, but we had a fair share of turnips and the occasional chicken egg join the skirmish.

By the time the dust — and pulp — settled, Skeeter had learned a valuable lesson about property lines. Old Man Rutledge had enough tomato sauce for a decade, and Ma declared we'd better grow our own garden if we fancied throwing vegetables at our neighbors again.

You kids today think a "food fight" is flickin' a French fry at your buddy in the cafeteria; we turned agriculture into artillery.

And you know what? Nobody pressed charges. Nobody posted it online for strangers to gawk at.

We all just washed off with the hose, made peace over a jug of sun tea, and come August, Skeeter was helping Rutledge pick next year's crop — under supervision, of course.

So next time you're fussin' over whose dog barked at whose mailbox or whose Wi-Fi's leechin' off whose, remember: a well-aimed tomato might just do the trick. Just don't tell 'em Two-Toes sent ya.

Safety Tip of the Day

CHILD SAFETY - KEEP OUT OF HOT CARS

For Babies and Children:

- Never leave a child unattended in a car: Even a few minutes can be dangerous.
- Develop a routine: Make it a habit to check the back seat every time you exit the car.
- Use visual cues: Place a personal item like a purse or phone in the back seat as a reminder to check.
- Ask for a call: Arrange for your childcare provider to call if your child doesn't arrive as scheduled.
- Keep car keys out of reach: Ensure children cannot access them.
- Teach children that cars are not safe places to play:
- If you see a child alone in a car, act immediately: Call 911, and if the child seems in distress, get them out of the car and cool them down with water (not ice cold).

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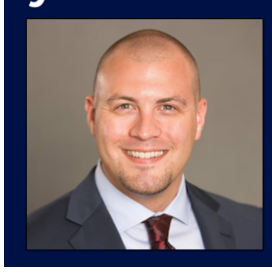

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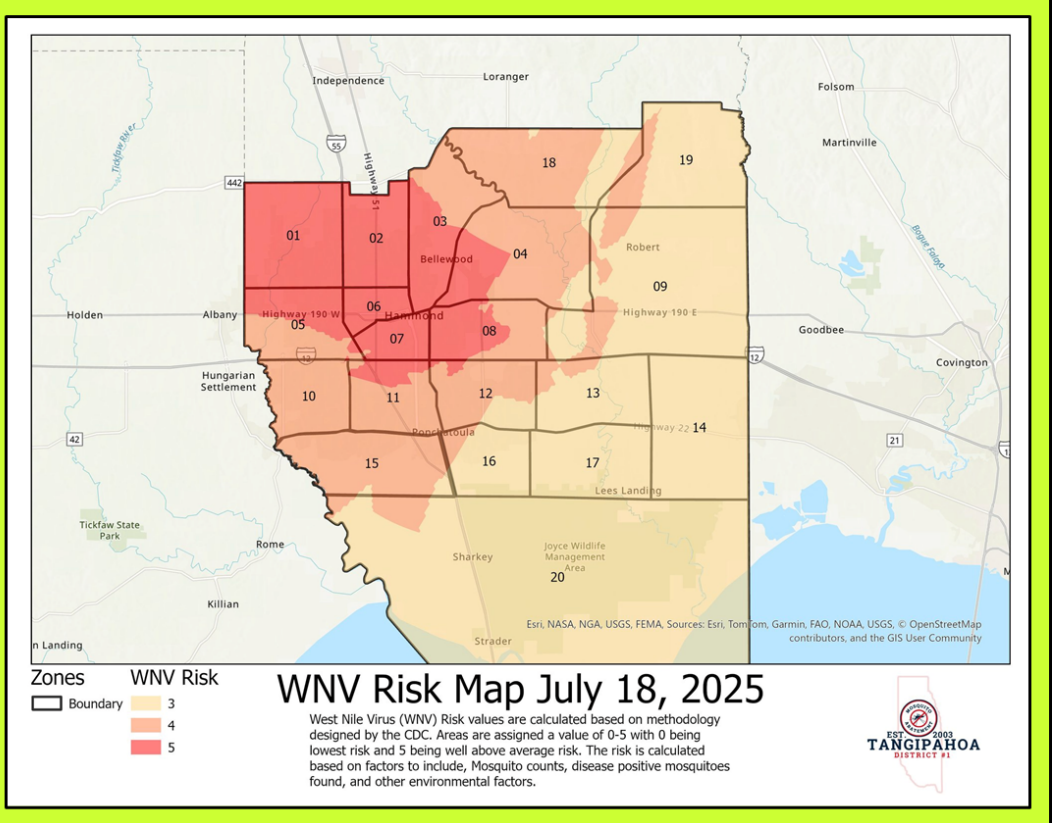
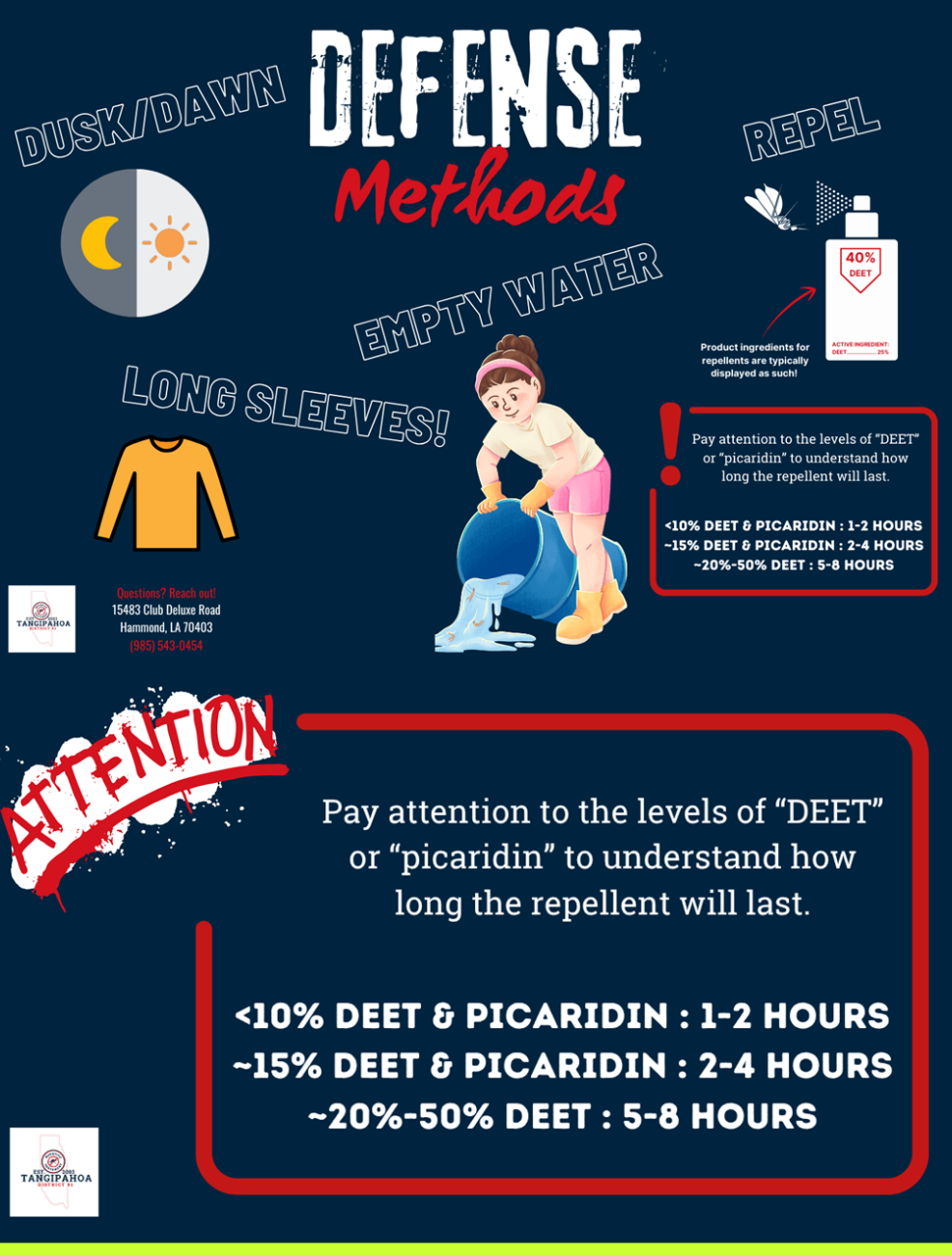


Environmental factors are playing a pivotal role in the increased mosquito population that you may be seeing. Of the 883 samples tested thus far in 2025, 18 have returned positive for WNV.

Environmental factors can play an important role in the transmission of West Nile Virus. Rainfall can create an optimal habitat for mosquitoes, including those that transmit WNV. Additionally, rising temperatures can speed up larval hatch-offs, allowing mosquito numbers to multiply quickly.

THIS IS A VERY HIGH COUNT! PLEASE TAKE PROMPT ACTION TO DECREASE ACTIVITY.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For more information about West Nile Virus, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/west-nile-virus/about/index.html

SLITHERY THINGS

So misunderstood!

By Kevin Hood
Louisiana Snake ID

Why Am I So Scared of Snakes?

We fear what we don't understand. You may or may not have heard that phrase before, but the truth rings loudly, especially with snakes.

Starting with an early verse in the Bible, snakes have been unfairly villainized. The thing is, they aren't evil and did nothing wrong, and if you truly believe what the Bible says, then you should know that the serpent was merely used as a vessel. Either way, no matter what you believe, you have more than likely heard that snakes are evil at some point in your life.

This mistruth has perpetuated more bad information about snakes than probably any other animal on the planet, which is precisely why we do what we do at Louisiana Snake ID.

Our family quit our full-time jobs this past March to spend our lives giving snakes a voice, and honestly, it's the best decision we've ever made. It's not just about spending time with the family and snakes while traveling the state, and last Wednesday was a microcosm of what we've been experiencing.

We started the day teaching young daycare kids about the benefits of snakes while letting most of them touch their first snake. From there, we educated a couple hundred people about snakes while debunking many of the myths (bad information) about them that keep people stuck in fear.

Remember, we fear what we don't understand. With proper education, people can and will overcome their fears.

Many parents and grandparents bring their kiddos to our shows expecting it to be a show just for kids, but at the end of the show, we're often stopped and thanked by those adults. They tell us that almost everything they've ever been told or thought about snakes isn't actually true.

TRUTH is power. We're all here for a reason and purpose and we've found ours, giving a voice to the voiceless – snakes. From the head shape to pupil shape to common behaviors, we debunk myths and explain why those myths have helped to vilify snakes, keeping people afraid of them.

Be willing to learn. Being willing to unlearn what you thought was true is your first step to minimizing your fears and even eventually eliminating them completely.

Our page is full of not only people who disliked snakes, but also many who were irrationally afraid to the point that they couldn't even see a picture of a snake without freaking out. Many of them now message us to tell us they love seeing snakes in their yard or garden because they now know how beneficial they are and that they're not evil or out to get them.

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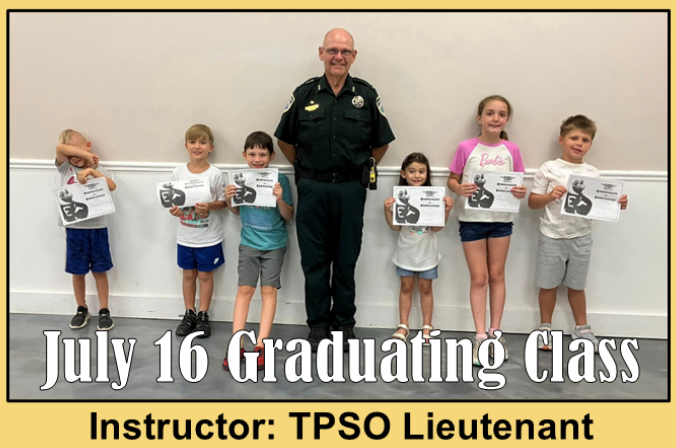

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Louis Fajoni Photo Exhibit at the Amite Library

Louis A. Fajoni was born in Palermo, Sicily, October 9, 1894. He left Palermo at 9 years old on September 23, 1903, on a vessel "Manilla," coming to the United States, traveling with his father Peter, mother Jane and younger sister Antonia, who was 2. The trip took 20 days, and they settled in Amite City, Louisiana.

Louis began photographing many community and family events. In the 1920s and 1930s, he took numerous photos of school classes all over Tangipahoa Parish, as well as key events, including an Amite visit by Governor Huey P. Long.

He continued taking pictures for the Amite high school yearbook until 1971. Louis Fajoni recorded our history in the darkroom of his studio – the special moments of our lives developed with his fine focus. He did this painstakingly and patiently, leaving us with thousands of images.

A collection of his images is on exhibition at the Amite Library until the first week of August. You will be invited to share what you remember about the people and places. This information will be added to the collection.

The photos presented came from the archives at the Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies at Southeastern and from private collections.

If you have any Fajoni photographs, we would like to add copies to this collection.
Please contact Dennis Stevens, dstev67@eatel.net, 225-436-6585

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DEADLINE: JULY 24, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Assistant Principal (9.75 Months)

SALARY: $55,212 - $79,372

Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience

LOCATION: Woodland Park Magnet School

Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have on or before the advertised deadline, a valid Louisiana teaching certificate with one or more of the following credentials:

Valid Type A or Level 3 Louisiana Teaching Certificate with certification as Principal; OR

Educational Leader Level 1 or Level 2; OR

Educational Leader Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education; OR

Out of State Principal certificate, Level 1 (OSP1) or Level 2 (OSP2); OR

Out of State (OSP1 or OSP2) Principal Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education

UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

A rubric will be used to evaluate your application, so please be sure to submit all required information.

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DEADLINE: JULY 25, 2025

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POSITION: DISTRICT CURRICULUM FACILITATOR / LITERACY COACH (10 Month)

SALARY: $55,035 - $76,687 (Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Tangipahoa Parish School Board

Amite, LA

CRITERIA:

Master's Degree from a Regionally Accredited Institution.

Valid Louisiana Teaching Certificate.

At least 5 years of successful teaching experience.

Science of Reading (SOR) trained with valid documentation or must obtain SOR certification within 6 months of hire.

Demonstrates expertise in content, curriculum development, student learning, test analysis, mentoring, and professional development; Instructional expertise demonstrated through model teaching, team teaching, and student achievement.

This position is federally funded and future academic year renewal is based on allotment of federal funds.

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NOTICE

DEADLINE: July 26, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST (9 Month)

(3 Positions)

SALARY: $48,010 - $69,019 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Special Services Center

Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Minimum Qualifications:

* Bachelor's degree in speech/language pathology;

* Possess or able to obtain Speech Pathologist Assistant Ancillary Certification from Louisiana Department of Education.

Preferred Qualifications:

* Master's degree in speech/language pathology;

* Licensure by the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology;

* Possess or able to obtain from the Louisiana Department of Education certification as either:

o Provisional Speech Pathologist;

o Qualified Speech Pathologist;

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POSITION: FACILITATOR OF SCHOOL-WIDE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS (10 Month)

SALARY: $55,035 - $76,687 (Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Tangipahoa Parish School Board Amite, LA

CRITERIA:

* Master's Degree from a Regionally Accredited Institution.

* Valid Louisiana Teaching Certificate.

* Science of Reading (SOR) trained with valid documentation.

* At least 5 years of successful teaching experience

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POSITION: Literacy Mentor (CLSD 2024 Grant Funded) (10 Month)

SALARY: $55,035 - $76,687 (Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Woodland Park Magnet School

Hammond, LA

CRITERIA:

Master's or advanced Degree in Education from a Regionally Accredited Institution.

Valid Louisiana Teaching Certificate.

Minimum of 3 effective years of experience as a Certified ELA teacher.

Science of Reading (SOR) trained with valid documentation.

Proven results when working with struggling readers.

Strong knowledge of how children learn to read.

Knowledge and experience working with high-quality reading curriculum.

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The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL BOARD (12 Months)

SALARY: $39,110 – $56,551 (Based on verified years of relevant experience,

certification, or degree)

LOCATION: Tangipahoa Parish School Board Office

Amite, LA

CRITERIA:

High school diploma or GED required; Associate's degree or higher preferred.

At least five (5) years of executive-level administrative experience, preferably in a school district or public agency.

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NOTICE

The Town of Kentwood Seeks Sealed Bids for New Playground Equipment RFP# 2025-MLK-IPE

Publication Date: Monday, July 21, 2025

Notice to Respondents

Submittal Deadline: September 4, 2025

Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted to fo@kentwoodla.org no later than August 18, 2025.

The Town of Kentwood today announced the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment at its Martin Luther King (MLK) community park. This exciting project aims to provide a safe, engaging, and accessible play environment for children in the community.

The Town is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to procure and install a comprehensive and innovative playground system for children ages 5-12 and 2-5. The new playground should meet ADA requirements and use IPEMA certified equipment that complies with ASTM and U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission standards. The chosen vendor(s) will coordinate the final design and equipment selection with the relevant department to ensure the project benefits the community.

Interested parties can call the Town of Kentwood to receive the full RFP document, including detailed specifications, submission guidelines, and contact information. Potential bidders should thoroughly review the RFP and submit comprehensive proposals demonstrating their ability to deliver a high-quality facility that meets the needs of the community.

For inquiries regarding the RFP, contact the Town of Kentwood at (985) 229-3451.

Interested parties should submit proposals detailing equipment designs, specifications, and costs according to the full RFP document's guidelines. Responses must be sealed and plainly marked with the company name and solicitation number. The town must receive 3 sealed, hard copies of the final proposal, and receive them no later than the submittal deadline to the following address below:

Town of Kentwood
308 Avenue G
Kentwood, LA 70444
(985) 229-3451

On September 4, 2025, all responses will be publicly opened and the respondents recorded. Any response received after the specified deadline, whether delivered in person or mailed, will be disqualified. Faxed or electronic submitted responses cannot be accepted.

Publish July 21
Cost of notice:$35.20

NOTICE

The Town of Kentwood Seeks Sealed Bids for New Park Restroom Facilities RFP# 2025-MLK Park-RR

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The Town of Kentwood today announced the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the construction of a new design and construction of a new restroom facility, at the Martin Luther King (MLK) community park.

The Town is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to construct a new restroom facility at our MKL community park. The project at the park restroom will involve a new, modern facility that meets current accessibility standards. Contractors with experience in public facility construction, including ADA compliance and relevant building codes, are encouraged to submit proposals.

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Cost of notice:$35.45

NOTICE

The Town of Kentwood Seeks Sealed Bids for New Playground Equipment

RFP# 2025-North Tangi Park 1051-IPE

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The Town of Kentwood today announced the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment at its North Tangi 1051 community park. This exciting project aims to provide a safe, engaging, and accessible play environment for children in the community.

The Town is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to procure and install a comprehensive and innovative playground system for children ages 5-12 and 2-5. The new playground should meet ADA requirements and use IPEMA certified equipment that complies with ASTM and U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission standards. The chosen vendor(s) will coordinate the final design and equipment selection with the relevant department to ensure the project benefits the community.

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NOTICE

The Town of Kentwood Seeks Sealed Bids to Build a New Concession Stand

RFP# 2025-North Tangi 1051 Park-CSSR

Publication Date: Monday, July 21, 2025

Notice to Respondents

Submittal Deadline: September 4, 2025

Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted to fo@kentwoodla.org no later than August 18, 2025.

The Town of Kentwood today announced the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the construction of a new, state-of-the-art concession stand at its North Tangi 1051 community park. This exciting project aims to enhance the visitor experience and provide improved amenities for residents and guests alike.

The Town is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to build a new Concession Stand that includes a storage, and men and women restrooms at the NORTH TANGI Park. The Concession Stand shall be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant requiring specific features to ensure accessibility for people with disabilities, particularly those using wheelchairs. The new concession stand is envisioned to be a central hub for refreshments and snacks during events, games, and leisure activities at the park. The Town of Kentwood seeks qualified contractors with a proven track record of successful construction projects, ideally with experience in facilities of a similar nature.

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NOTICE

The St. Helena Parish Hospital will be holding a hearing/meeting on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the St. Helena Parish Hospital Adm. Building, located at 119 N Second Street, Greensburg, La. 70441 to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior years maximum.

NOTICE

6 Antoons, LLC d/b/a Becks Fried Chicken is applying to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the state of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of HIGH and LOW alcohol content at retail in the parish of Tangipahoa at the following address: 727 Ave. G, Kentwood LA 70444

6 Antoons, LLC
d/b/a Becks Fried Chicken
John Antoon
July 21, and July 23, 2025.

WHEREABOUTS NOTICE

Anyone knowing the heirs, successors, and/or assigns of Shanon Karon Young, Jr. please contact Samantha Brumfield, Attorney at Law, at 102 N. Myrtle Street, Amite, LA 70422,

(985) 747-1088 samantha@edwardsandstevens.com

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Tangipahoa Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Iron Sharpens Iron Fitness

Iron Sharpens Iron Fitness recently celebrated an official ribbon cutting with the Tangipahoa Chamber. Located at 1342 S. Magnolia Street in Hammond, Iron Sharpens Iron's mission is to provide a grace-filled, Christ-centered environment for people to find spiritual and physical wellness.

PAIN TO PURPOSE

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decades of experience in healthcare, and a deeply personal understanding of grief, Pamela brings both professional skill and authentic compassion to everything she does.

Her daughter, who works in child development and conscious discipline, will also help lead the camp. A licensed counselor will be on site throughout the program, ensuring emotional support is available to any child who needs it.

The camp will conclude with a special presentation for parents, where children can showcase what they've created and experienced. "It's not about pressuring them to talk," Pamela says. "Just showing up is enough. Healing starts there. Sometimes, when one child opens up, it gives another the courage to speak, too."

Pamela hopes this will be the first of many camps, with a goal of expanding in the future. "We want to offer this more than once a year," she says. "Grief doesn't work on a schedule. Kids need help when the pain is fresh, not years later."

Though Pamela has carried unimaginable grief, her faith and strength have turned that pain into purpose. "This was never something I planned," she says. "I thought it would be one and done. But it's become something so much bigger. If I stop, it'll be hard to start again. So I keep going. My faith keeps me going."

Pamela welcomes community support, whether through donations, volunteering, or in-kind gifts such as meals for campers. More information, including camp registration and ways to contribute, can be found at www.weareekg.com.

"There's nothing like experience to help others," Pamela reflects. "Education is valuable, but when you've lived it – when you've really felt it – you're able to sit beside someone in their pain and say, 'You're not alone.' That's what this is all about."

Horoscopes

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4th week of July

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, the week kicks off with a surge of vitality and determination. You're eager to take action, and the universe backs you. It's a perfect week to push ahead with goals.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Creative energy flows in and a long-dormant idea may spark back to life, Taurus. You're in the right mindset to pursue something artistic and innovative. Reconsider a refreshing hobby.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you're in your element this week and buzzing with charm and curiosity. Engaging conversations abound. Opportunities to connect, both socially and professionally, come easily.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, a small act of courage pays off in a big way, and you'll find that trusting yourself leads to a fulfilling outcome this week. Embrace your instincts.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Love and joy surround you, and this week is ideal for connecting with someone special or deepening an important bond, Leo. Your heart feels open, and good things are flowing your way.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
A chance to help or support someone brings a deeper sense of purpose. Kindness flows easily from you now, Virgo, and the gratitude you receive in return is both touching and inspiring.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
This week your relationships are in harmony, Libra. You're feeling strongly supported. Conversations flow with ease, and people are drawn to your warm personality.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
A milestone is within reach, and the progress you've made starts to emerge this week, Scorpio. Your persistence and inner fire have been guiding you forward.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, a fresh perspective allows you to release old worries or doubts. This is a week of clarity and growth during which inspiration meets personal freedom.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Practical matters - especially career or finances - are looking up, Capricorn. A smart decision made now could lead to something even better down the line.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, you've had your eye on the prize for some time now, and the good news is that the finish line is within arm's length. Stick with things for just a little longer.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you have been making some changes this week. Your perspective and surroundings at home have changed. This can be a refreshing endeavor.

TANGI GUMBO

A little bit of everything you need to know

The Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts/Southeastern Louisiana University continues their annual back to school tradition with Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets on the big screen. The screening is at 7:00pm on August 22 at The Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts, 220 East Thomas Street, Hammond.

Free popcorn and Harry Potter swag bag included with your ticket. Come in costume for a chance at a special surprise.

Tickets for Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets are $20. Tickets are available now and can be purchased through the website www.columbiatheatre.org or by calling 985-549-2787.

For more information, to purchase tickets, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.columbiatheatre.org or call us at 985-549-2787.

The Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts/Southeastern Louisiana University kicks off their 2025-2026 season with a very special performance by the Northlake Community Band, as they perform some of legendary film composer John Williams' greatest hits. The concert is at 7:30pm on August 5 at The Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts, 220 East Thomas Street, Hammond.

Under the direction of Dr. Robert Schwartz, the Northlake Community Band will perform music from John Williams' impressive catalogue, which includes his memorable scores for Star Wars, Harry Potter, Superman, Jaws, Jurassic Park, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Schindler's List, and many more.

Tickets for John Williams Strikes Back are $20 for adults and $15 for children and students. Tickets are available now and can be purchased through the website www.columbiatheatre.org or by calling 985-549-2787.

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The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) needs the public's help gathering information about a vehicle theft that recently occurred in the Independence area.

Around 3am on June 25, a 2022 black GMC Sierra (Denali edition) with license plate "Z40 7891" was stolen from a home in the 54000 block of North Railroad Avenue.

Later that day, the vehicle was seen on surveillance video at a business in Tickfaw. In that video, two male suspects are seen involved with the vehicle. The driver, who goes into the store, is dressed in a black hoodie with no shirt underneath, along with black pants and short dreads.

Sheriff Gerald Sticker encourages anyone with information about who these suspects are, or this vehicle's whereabouts, to contact the Criminal Investigations Office at 985-902-2088.

If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip!

Tips submitted directly through Crimestoppers may be eligible for a cash reward.

Barriere Construction crews have faced weather challenges in completing several of their soil cement and shoulder dressing projects this month.

Weather-permitting, crews are scheduled to perform the following jobs during the week of July 21:

Shoulder Dressing: South I-12 Service Road, Whiskey Lane, New Genessee, Arbordale, Chappapeela, Woodstone, and East Park; Soil Cement Operations: Chemeketee Road, Frank Lane, Gemstone Place, and Jaelyn Drive.

Parish President Robby Miller also reminds motorists that Louisiana DOTD will close a portion of LA 1054 from a point approximately 915 feet south of Cut Off Road (half a mile south of LA 38) starting Monday, July 21, at 6am and continuing through Wednesday, July 30, at 7pm for a cross drain replacement project. No thru-traffic will be allowed during this closure, and detours will be posted during this 10-day period.

For updates on road closures in Tangipahoa Parish, consult the Tangipahoa.org website and the TPG social media channels.

FUN FACT

Every character in the show Scooby Doo has a formal name. Daphne's real name is DAPHNE BLAKE.

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The Amazing Opossum

We may already be familiar with the only marsupial in North America, the opossum. People either love them or think of them as "vermin" and want to harm them. Opossums are often misunderstood; however, these little critters are quite fascinating!

Opossums are marsupials – mammals who possess a pouch to care for their young. They give birth approximately two weeks after mating.

These tiny babies, called "joeys," barely bigger than a grain of rice, have to crawl from their mom's birth canal to her pouch, to find and fuse themselves to one of her teats. Once old enough, they leave the pouch and ride on her back.

If a baby happens to fall off, the mom is usually unaware and therefore will not return to pick up her joey. If an opossum joey is found crying and looking lost, chances are it may need help.

It's best to secure it with a blanket or towel they can snuggle up in and contact a wildlife rehabilitator ASAP to get proper instructions on how to proceed. Some joeys may be old enough to be on their own, but only a trained wildlife official can make this determination.

Opossums have a natural immunity against rabies, venom, and poisons. Despite popular belief that they carry rabies, their low body temperature makes it very unlikely. Due to a peptide protein in their blood, they're either partially or totally immune to venom.

Why do we use the term "playing possum?"

Opossums are known for playing dead. When threatened, their first line of defense is "smiling" and showing a mouth full of 50 teeth.

They don't really run, nor are they known to attack. "Playing dead" is an involuntary action caused by extreme fear, also causing them to hiss and drool, blow snot bubbles out of their nose to appear sick, and even release a foul smell to deter predators. Once the danger has passed, they will continue on their way.

Possum, or opossum? Is there a difference?

Despite most of us calling them "possums," the correct name is "opossum." The North American opossum has black eyes, a white face, jagged teeth, and a long, pointed face. Possums are a different marsupial altogether, native mainly to Australia.

Since we are still in the middle of baby season, one of the daunting tasks wildlife rehabbers are faced with is removing babies from a mama who's deceased. A lot of people may not want to check and see if it's a female with babies in her pouch; but this is vital for their survival, and the sooner, the better.

Since babies in the pouch may still be fused to their mama's teats, drinking her milk, they're at extreme risk of ingesting bacteria introduced into the milk from their mom's decomposing body, depending on how long she's been deceased.

Joeys with some fur on them are fairly easy to remove. However, very young joeys, called "pinkies," are completely blind and naked and are still fused to their mama's teats.

Removing them is a little tricky and requires patience. This is best accomplished by gently and slowly pulling each joey off the teat, which will usually stretch out like a thin piece of spaghetti, and wrapping them in a blanket or towel together, simulating their mama's warm, comfy pouch.

Opossums are widely beneficial wildlife friends to have around. They consume decaying plant matter that can harbor disease, as well as the beetles, slugs, and snails that damage your garden.

They also control ticks. A single opossum can eliminate over 5,000 ticks from the environment each year.

So, please respect nature's unique little custodians. They do more for you and your yard than you might realize.

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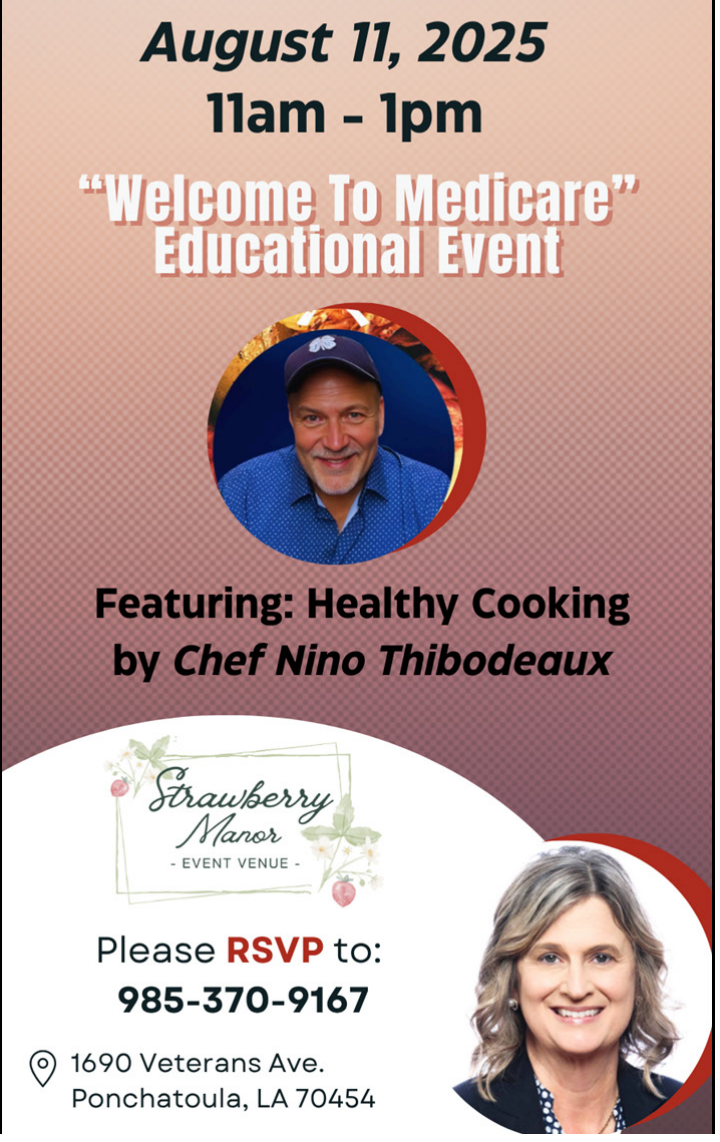

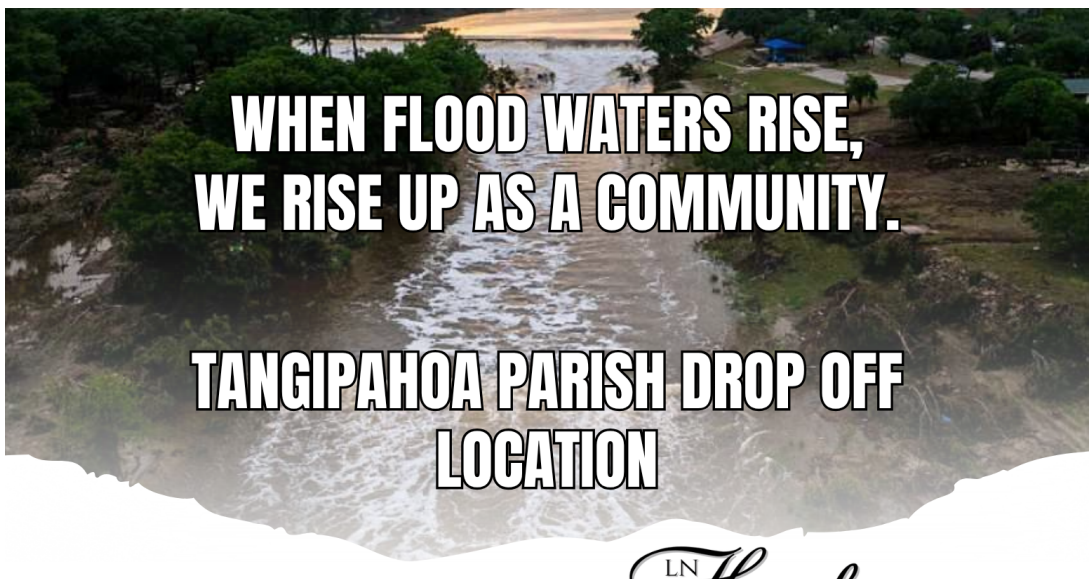

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- Personal Hygiene Items
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- Baby Wipes
- Diapers
- Flashlights
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- First Aid Supplies
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Facial Tissue
- Paper Plates
- Plastic Forks and Spoons
- Coolers
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The recent devastating flooding in Kerrville, Kerr County, and surrounding areas has left communities reeling—and placed a heavy burden on the rescue and disaster relief teams tirelessly working to save lives and provide emergency support.

The Louisiana Funeral Directors Association (LFDA) is collecting the following supplies for local drop-off. Donations will be collected for transport to Texas at the end of the month. Please make sure your donations are dropped off no later than Friday, July 25.

This is our opportunity to help our Texas neighbors—those who have always stood with us—to now feel the strength, care, and generosity of Louisiana.

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